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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commandant, Marine Corps

SUBJECT : Comments on CIA Special Estimate No. 29,
18 June 1952

REFERENCE : Memorandum From Commandant of the Marine
Corps to the Director of Central Intelli-
gence, Dated 18 August 1952, Subject As
Above

1. Your comments respecting paragraph 2 of Special
Estimate No. 29 are greatly appreciated.

2. I have requested the Office of National Estimates
to secure a re-estimate by the Military Services on that
paragraph in the light of your comments, since the conclu-
sions expressed therein were based upon Service contribu-
tions. In so doing, I shall inform them of your offer to
make one of your Staff Officers available for consultation.

3. I, myself, as you know, am not without experience
in planning and conducting large scale amphibious opera-
tions, but I did not attempt to interject my personal ideas
on a matter regarding which the views of the Military
Services appeared to coincide. My own opinion, however, is
that it would take a "little" longer than the estimate indicates.

SIGNED:

Walter D. Smith
Director

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